

# WASHINGTON STATE

## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

### MONTHLY REPORT

*July 2004*

CATEGORY	2004	2003	YTD 04	YTD 03
CSEPP INCIDENTS	3	3	28	19
DOE INCIDENTS	1	1	6	10
FIRE	57	99	233	272
HAZMAT	183	157	1097	1034
OTHER	26	18	157	143
911 OUTAGES	5	5	18	23
SAR	87	84	331	340
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
WEATHER	5	5	42	31
CGS INCIDENTS	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	368	372	1913	1872

#### LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On July 4, at 1718 hours a Fire Mobilization was declared for the mid-Columbia region near Chelan. The Beebe Fire was initially 800 to 1000 acres burning grass brush 3 to 5 miles east of the city of Chelan in Douglas County. 25 plus structures were originally threatened prompting the Washington State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to activate to Phase II with the Washington State Patrol (WSP) approving the requests for fire mobilization. The state EOC

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returned to Phase I Normal Operations after the final containment of the 4,205-acre blaze was achieved at 1800 hours on July 9, 2004.

- On July 10, a rescue mission was initiated by Yakima County for an injured hiker on Mount Adams. Additional ground rescue personnel were coordinated from Skamania and Klickitat Counties to assist with the rescue. The injured hiker was finally rescued and carried out very late the next day due to the distance and elevation where the injured hiker was located on the mountain.
- On July 10, the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office reported a missing paraglider last seen yesterday in the vicinity of Brewster. The individual was part of a competition out of Chelan to see who could fly the greatest distance in a paraglider. Ground searchers, a local pilot and Civil Air Patrol (CAP) aircraft were coordinated through DOT aviation from Wenatchee to search for the missing person. The crash site was located and the pilot found deceased at scene.
- On July 10, the Washington State Patrol notified EMD that they were activating the Amber Alert System. This activation followed a double homicide in Kennewick and abduction of four minor children. The Amber Alert message was issued and updated several times due to the changing police situation. The children were located unharmed in Moses Lake and the suspects are still at large.
- On July 11, a rescue mission was conducted by Chelan County for an injured climber on Mt. Stuart, at the 8,500 ft level. The climber sustained head and pelvic injuries and was unable to move, requiring a helicopter with winch capability. Resources were coordinated with the Oregon National Guard 1042 Medical Group. The climber was successfully extracted and transported to Central Washington hospital for medical evaluation.
- On July 11, Mason County opened a search for a missing 35-year-old male hiker lost in the Hamma Hamma wilderness area near Lake Mildred. Ground and dog-team resources were requested from Pierce and Kitsap Counties to aid in the search effort. The hiker was found in good health when he walked out of the area the next day.
- On July 11, King County opened a search for a missing hiker lost in the Denny Creek trailhead area. Ground and 4x4 resources were requested from Skagit, Snohomish, Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Cowlitz, and Clark Counties to aid in the search effort. Hiker walked out of the area.

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- On July 16, the National Weather Service issued a Fire Weather Watch for Yakima, Kittitas, Chelan, Douglas, Klickitat, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, Asotin, King, Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Mason, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Cowlitz and Skamania Counties Saturday evening through Sunday. The conditions improved later on July 17, allowing the National Weather Service to cancel the watch.
- On July 19, the National Weather Service issued a Severe Weather Watch for Southeast Washington due to possible thunderstorms passing through. The conditions improved later that day, prompting the cancellation of the watch.
- On July 16, the Washington State EOC assumed Phase II operation to support the National Governor's Association Conference conducted in the City of Seattle. The State EOC resumed normal Phase I operations effective July 20 at the conclusion of the conference with no noted impact .
- On July 25, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Red Flag Warning for Klickitat, Benton, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin Counties. Originally set to expire at 2200 hours, the NWS extended the warning to 1600 hours on July 26.
- On July 26, the Umatilla Chemical Depot declared a Limited Area Emergency. An initial reading of agent in Igloo K-1823 was detected. The site was masked as an immediate safety measure. Subsequent validation procedures indicated initial detection was in error. The site was then issued an all clear. The event was terminated at the same time it was issued via the CSEPP Crash Line and Dedicated Fax.
- On July 30, at 1000 hours, the Columbia Generating Station declared an "Alert Level" event due to an equipment malfunction which occurred during routine maintenance and training activities. The State Emergency Operations Center, in conjunction with Benton and Franklin Counties fully activated their respective EOCs as outlined in standard operating procedures. Local, State and Federal response plans were implemented and poised to fully commit additional resources as necessary. At 1205 hours, the Columbia Generating Station reported the reactor was safely shutdown and operating/cooling down within normal parameters. The event concluded with no release of material and no threat to life, property or the environment of Washington State.

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- On July 30, a request from Kittitas County Fire District 1 for State Fire Resource Mobilization was approved by the Chief of State Patrol effective 1715 hours. A fast moving 100-300 acre brush and tree fire in the Elks Height area NW of Ellensburg forced the evacuation of 200 homes. Statewide resources were dispatch to assist. Mission ongoing
- On July 31, Mason County commenced a search for a missing 40 year-old male who disappeared while taking a walk near his home in Dayton. Ground search personnel from Kitsap, Jefferson and Thurston Counties assisted in the search. King County deployed its Huey helicopter to support the search. Lost hiker not found. Mission closed.
- On July 31, Olympic National Park commenced a search for a missing 15 year-old boy who disappeared while hiking along the coast near Third Beach. Grays Harbor County assisted in the search with air scenting dogs. The subject was located mid-afternoon in good condition by ground search personnel.
- For the month of July, 2004 the SEOO's:
  - Issued 22 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
  - Issued 0 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
  - Conducted 1074 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
  - Coordinated 39 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
  - Participated in 22 exercises of which 18 were vessel spill drills
  - Made 1828 and answered 1489 telephone calls
  - Conducted 1664 National Warning System Tests, conducted 242 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
  - Conducted 56 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)

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- Conducted 4 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
- Conducted 1 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)
- Conducted 17 down wind trajectory connectivity communications tests with the Umatilla Military Storage Depot (D2PUFF)